DATE: January 23, 2008

OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 42 fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family and related domestic food assistance programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

| PRODUCT                    | CONTAINER SIZE | U.S. GRADE | NO CASES |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Apple Juice, Cnd           | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 188,496  |
| Grape Juice, Cnd           | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 114,240  |
| Grape Juice, Ctn.          | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 2,000    |
| Pineapple Juice, Cnd       | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 27,840   |
| Orange Juice, Cnd          | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 155,176  |
| Grapefruit Juice, Cnd.     | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 4,760    |
| Tomato Juice, Cnd          | 12/46 fl. oz.  | A          | 51,408   |
| Cranberry/Apple Juice, Cnd | 12/46 fl. oz.  | Per C.I.D. | 34,272   |
| Green Beans, Cnd           | 24/300         | В          | 189,540  |
| Carrots, Cnd               | 24/300         | A          | 82,620   |
| Cream Style Corn, Cnd      | 24/300         | В          | 19,440   |
| Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd     | 24/300         | В          | 229,500  |
| Peas, Cnd                  | 24/300         | В          | 95,580   |
| Sweet Potatoes, Cnd        | 24/300         | A          | 30,600   |
| Mixed Vegetables, Cnd      | 24/300         | Per C.I.D. | 89,100   |
| Vegetable Soup, Cnd        | 24/1           | Per C.I.D. | 57,200   |
| Tomato Soup, Cnd           | 24/1           | Per C.I.D. | 28,600   |
| Spinach, Cnd               | 24/300         | A          | 27,455   |
| Tomatoes, Cnd              | 24/300         | В          | 38,880   |
| Tomatoes, Diced, Cnd       | 24/300         | В          | 51,840   |
| Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd      | 24/300         | A          | 94,860   |
| Pumpkin, Cnd               | 24/300         | A          | 3,240    |
| Tomato Sauce, Cnd          | 24/300         | A          | 59,670   |

| PRODUCT                   | CONTAINER<br>SIZE | U.S. GRADE | NO CASES |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd      | 24/300            | Per C.I.D. | 136,080  |
| Dehydrated Potatoes       | 12/1 lb.          | Per C.I.D. | 52,500   |
| Applesauce, Cnd           | 24/300            | A          | 181,440  |
| Apricot Halves, Cnd       | 24/300            | В          | 37,260   |
| Mixed Fruit, Cnd          | 24/300            | В          | 66,420   |
| Peaches, Clingstone Cnd   | 24/300            | В          | 93,960   |
| Pears, Cnd                | 24/300            | В          | 50,220   |
| Plums, Cnd                | 24/300            | В          | 11,340   |
| Plums, Dried              | 24/1 lb.          | В          | 3,000    |
| Raisins                   | 24/15 oz.         | В          | 10,368   |
| Blackeye Beans, Cnd       | 24/300            | A          | 21,420   |
| Lt. Red Kidney Beans, Cnd | 24/300            | A          | 27,540   |
| Vegetarian Beans, Cnd     | 24/300            | A          | 67,320   |
| Refried Beans, Cnd        | 24/300            | A          | 32,124   |
| Dry, Blackeye Beans       | 12/2 lb.          | No.1       | 3,360    |
| Dry, Baby Lima Beans      | 12/2 lb.          | No. 1      | 10,080   |
| Dry, Pinto Beans          | 12/2 lb.          | No. 1      | 144,420  |
| Dry, Great Northern Beans | 12/2 lb.          | No. 1      | 70,560   |
| Dry, Lt. Red Kidney Beans | 12/2 lb.          | No. 1      | 18,480   |

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

**Note:** Funds are not presently available for contracts to be awarded. The government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: <a href="www.ams.usda.gov/cp">www.ams.usda.gov/cp</a>.